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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : New Book: The Time Of The Hawk  
by Andrew Tully

1. This memorandum is for information only to invite your attention to a new novel by Andrew Tully entitled The Time Of The Hawk (New York: William Morrow & Company, Inc., 1967). This novel is scheduled for February publication. Tully is the well-known journalist and author of several books including CIA: The Inside Story and The FBI's Most Famous Cases.
2. The present novel is a combination of sex, derring-do, murder, blackmail and intelligence operations, generally intertwined. Sherman Kent, in reviewing Tully's book on CIA, called it "... a bad book, a shoddy piece of goods." The Time Of The Hawk is not much of an improvement.
3. The Time Of The Hawk is a novel about Vietnam following the cease-fire. (Tully evidently spent some time there in 1965). Pro-Chinese elements have seized the government and are demanding that the American troops be pulled out of South Vietnam before the elections. The President of the U. S., a good strong man, wishes to keep the troops there until after the elections in order to assure honest elections. To attempt to make this possible, he sends his close friend, Senator Baldwin of New Hampshire, to Vietnam with unlimited authority to work out this problem. (It is an interesting sidelight of the novel that the Senator's brother, unable to secure a political beachhead in New Hampshire to support his own political philosophy, has now been elected a Senator from Alabama, by leading a combination of civil rights elements and "mixed-up college students and beatniks" and by pushing for the cease-fire. He is also using this combination as a basis for running for President.) Needless to say, the Senator from New Hampshire is the novel's hero, and he emerges triumphant at the end.
4. One recalls that in Tully's book on CIA he spun a tale (which first appeared in Newsweek) about a CIA agent at the Vienna airport who went through the trash of a Russian airliner and collected a coat hanger

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that CIA analysts ultimately determined was made with a new metal alloy being utilized in a new Soviet bomber's wing. Readers will be pleased to know that the hanger has turned up again, this time in airliner trash collected at the Peking airport. This coat hanger contains an alloy for a new Chinese missile! While this coat hanger also ended up in CIA for analysis, the agents responsible for its collection were directly under the President of the U. S., through a cover subsidiary, Research, Incorporated, located in "a Colonial brick mansion a few blocks from Wellesley College."

5. A key operational factor in The Time Of The Hawk is the telephone terminus in China, just across the Laotian border, which handles Hanoi-Peking telephone lines. Naturally a tunnel had to be built for the U. S. to monitor these telephone conversations, and it is completed just in the nick of time to catch the crucial conversation so that the novel's hero comes out triumphant.

6. Of course, Tully has a CIA man on the spot in Vietnam to assist the hero, Senator Baldwin. His name is Ted Bryant, and the Senator doesn't like him. Bryant is described as having "a knowing smirk" and his "nose-picking was compulsive" but his "cover as a free-lance writer had no serious holes." He was also "loyal to the old CIA tie." On the other hand, the Senator conceding Bryant to be "a brilliant operative ... who did the vital dirty work ... his wounds were perversely honorable in a dishonorable business."

7. Tully continues his description of CIA-man Bryant:

"... CIA's chancellor of the exchequer, with his sly Judas look so incongruous on the round, red face which should have been grinning at some Rotary luncheon. Ted Bryant, whose fund of taxpayers' dollars from Sioux Falls and Hackensack bought both information and the transient loyalties of Vietnamese politicians whose talents lay in manipulation rather than in the gathering of intelligence." (pp. 101-102).

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"The CIA was very chic these days, except that it was not the CIA at ... parties, but the Pickle Factory.

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Someone had heard [the DCI] call it that once, and it had at once become the "inset" of "in" terms, to be dropped as soon as too many people knew about it." (p. 135).

Again Tully writes:

"The CIA is so goddamn clever, so compartmentalized, that its right hand doesn't know what its left hand is doing. The peace clique in the CIA took on ... as a contract agent more than a year ago; he banked twenty thousand dollars in the first eight months, according to [President's] quick check. The peace boys wanted to know what the White House was up to and figured ... could find out through [the Senator] and keep them informed. They didn't give a damn what the President's policy was; they were convinced we had to have an accommodation with Peking, so they tried to make their own policy.... , of course, worked with [a Britisher] who represented the peace group in British intelligence. (pp. 331-332).

8. While Senator Baldwin was not happy about "the goddamn CIA", he was also unhappy about DIA whose top civilian turns up in Laos to try to see what was going on at the border, as he had not been cut in on the tunnel operation. This man is described as DIA's "empire builder, who carried his own stock of pale sherry" and "who was bad news wherever he turned up."

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